



Opus Dei rushing paper to refute 'Da Vinci Code'

By Christian V. Eguarria

A DAILY INFORMATION CENTER-SPELLED by some Opus Dei members is rushing a publication to deny the perceived attack on the Christian faith in the movie "Da Vinci Code" before its release this month.

The Theological Center, which disseminates information to its members in an attempt to help

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AIDS issue prompts Pope to review ban on condoms

ROME—GIVEN THE VISION, NOT ALL SACRED texts are absolute. Thus said POPE, before he left.

Now, behind the Vatican's quiet walls, a chair is shaping up involving less pious of men: state-of-the-art—the Roman Catholic Church's long-held ban on condoms and its advocacy of human life.

The issue is AIDS. Church officials recently

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3 GMA men snub Senate



SENATORS Juan Ponce Enrile (left) and Ralph Recto leave after two Cabinet secretaries failed to show up at a Senate hearing yesterday.

Enrile tells execs: 'The hell with you'

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

TWO CABINET OFFICIALS and a bureau head yesterday snubbed a Senate hearing in what appeared to be a display of Malacañang's defiant stance on Executive Order No. 464.

Sen. Jose Ponce Enrile fumed when Finance Secretary Margot to Triven, Trade Secretary Peter Favila and Internal Revenue Commissioner Jose Aling failed to show up at the hearing of the Senate ways and means committee chaired by Sen. Ralph Recto.

"We're not calling you [for con-



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science) as Enrile and Recto. We're calling you as representatives of our people to hear from you [how is solve] the problems of the country. And if you don't want it, the hell with you," Enrile said.

Recto reacted before the

three officials were, noting that it was the first Senate hearing to be held since the Supreme Court declared unconstitutional portions of President Macapagal-Arroyo's controversial order barring gov-

INQUIRER

Media group says GMA doesn't understand press role

By Alvin Papa, Philip C. Tabasa and Michael Lim-Ulat

FREEDOM MAGAZINARIANS who do not understand or appreciate the role of press freedom in Philippine society the President

Panel for Filipino Journalists (PFJ) said yesterday.

Ironically, the group stated in its annual report of 2005, which it issued in February, that the Arroyo administration had "failed to take any steps to stop violence against

journalists and media practitioners who work in the community press," and pointed out that in 2005 alone, seven journalists were killed without any of the incidents leading to jail.

"Clearly, the actions of Presi-

dent Arroyo reflect her failure to understand and appreciate press freedom as a core value of Philippine society. The pressure exerted on [Probe Productions and the Philippine Center for Investigative

REPORTING) to stop her from reporting on the Arroyo family's alleged involvement in the 2001 election fraud is a clear violation of press freedom."

House bent on legislating pay hike

By Michael Lim-Ulat and Christine O. Amador

TWO KEY HOUSE LEADERS yesterday said the chamber was bent on legislating a wage increase despite President Macapagal-Arroyo's statement leaving it up to the regional wage boards to decide on the workers' long-standing demand for across-the-board pay hikes.

House Majority Leader Prospero Nograles and Rep. Raulino Singson of Zamboanga del Norte, chair of the House committee on labor and employment, said a wage increase was imperative to cushion the impact of rising oil prices on consumers.

Some House members opposed to faster action by the wage boards but Nograles and Singson were expected to play a pivotal role in the issue because of their key positions in the House.

Labor Secretary Patricia Sison yesterday said that despite the government's one-year interval between wage hikes, the wage boards must grant an increase even before the one-year period is

INQUIRER

Gringo sent surrender feelers, says Pimentel

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

FORMER REP. GREGORIO ROMANAN has sent feelers to the US military in the wake of a bid to sue, Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr. said yesterday.

Pimentel said Romanan sent him four text messages last week asking for his help in dealing with the rebellion case filed against him for his alleged participation in a plot to assassinate President Macapagal-Arroyo.

"As a former colleague, I am prepared to assist him in all legal matters as he'll get a fair deal with the government," Pimentel said in an interview with the Inquirer. "I will try to help out by way of determining whether or not Gringo can work and have his accounts."

He said Romanan had apparently gone into hiding because the government had been tracking him as if he were already convicted of the charges against him. Pointing out that in-

ROMANAN



US IMMIGRANTS BOYCOTT Students display flags of their home countries along with the US flag during a one-day nationwide strike and boycott of schools and businesses to demand reforms and workers gain legal status. (Story in The World, Page A28)

La Mesa housing project pits environmentalists vs workers

By Vito Conteras and Philip C. Tabasa

AFTER WAITING ALMOST FOUR DECADES, close to 1,300 families may finally build their dream homes and live together as neighbors on some prime land in Manila.

But the issue of ownership is now seen as "a war of attrition" as the water supply of 12 million other residents of Metro Manila and nearby areas.

For the country's leading environmentalists, this project is simply bad news.

A coalition led by ABS-CBN Foundation Inc.'s Benjie Kalayaan yesterday launched a campaign to block a Supreme Court-approved housing project "within" the La Mesa watershed, the main source of drinking water for the capital's 12 million residents.

The project stands to benefit at least 1,401 employees of the old National Waterworks and Sewerage Administration (Nawasa) who were granted rights to the land back in 1968.

Nawasa was the forerunner of today's Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS).

In a press conference in Makati City yesterday, ABS managing director Gina Lopez said the "Save the La Mesa Coalition" was not questioning the housing project per se, but only the location chosen by the MWSS.

Warning that the planned houses could send pollutants "downstream" into the La Mesa reservoir, the group hopes to either stop the issuance of environmental permits for the project or stop the SC from issuing the ruling that green-lighted the project in 2005.

A University of the Philippines professor, a guest at the press conference, said he was originally asked by the MWSS to study ways to "mitigate" the environmental impact of the project. Ultimately, he recommended that the project be declined.

The housing project granted a 50-hectare

Dry season over soon, says Pagasa



YOUNG boys lead the sweltering summer heat by cooling themselves under a bucket and a water pump on the UP Diliman campus in Quezon City.

By Norman Bordeador

THE DAYS ARE STILL UNBEARABLY hot, but according to the weather bureau summer is officially on its way out. In fact, the country should prepare for the start of the rainy season in the second half of May, a senior meteorologist said yesterday.

Norberto Cruz, head of the weather branch of the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa), said that although the La Niña weather pattern in the country was nearly over, "we should be prepared for the coming of the rainy season which will start in the second half of May [and end] until September."

La Niña, which is associated with increased rainfall, storms and flooding in some parts of Asia, was felt in the Philippines from December 1999. During that time, many parts of the Philippines experienced above average rainfall.

Cruz said.

DAY INQUIRER

RP police hail conviction of Indon terrorist

PHILIPPINE POLICE officials yesterday welcomed an Indonesian court's conviction of a terrorist who is believed to have helped train bomb and plane crews in suicide in the country.

An Indonesian court on Monday rendered three Islamic militants, including Abdulhadi Mawardi, 40, up to seven years in prison for delivering torchbearers Asia's largest terrorist suspect Abu Sayyaf. The trial followed the arrest of Mawardi in Indonesia.



Mawardi (left) and his co-defendants.

The court said all three had conspired with the al-Qaida-linked Islamic group Jemaah Islamiyah, which has been blamed for a string of deadly suicide attacks, bomb and mortar attacks, but denied terrorist charges.

Senior Indonesian Bureau of Investigation, office-in-charge of the Philippine police's intelligence group, said Mawardi played a key role in recruiting more Indonesian members of Jemaah Islamiyah whom he sent to terrorist training camps in the southern Philippines.

Mawardi frequently corresponded with two top Indonesian terror suspects—Jokowi, who was shot by one man, and Umar Hasbi—who was believed to be helping with the 2002 terrorist attacks in southern Mindanao region, where 150 people were killed.

Mawardi allegedly was trying to help with the 2002 attack in the Moluccas to finance terror attacks and training in the Philippines. He was also, citing the 2002 attack, said to be helping with the 2002 attack in the Moluccas to finance terror attacks and training in the Philippines.

In a report of terror disclosed by Indonesian police, Mawardi was also said to be helping with the 2002 attack in the Moluccas to finance terror attacks and training in the Philippines.

Philippines, the province of explosion in Indonesia, terror attacks in Indonesian territory in the Philippines and up to causing general terror, according to confidential Philippine government reports sent by The Associated Press last September.

"It's a great development because we have been able to catch him in the act," Rizal said of Mawardi's conviction.

Dr. Rizal, an official of Manila's Bureau of Investigation, said Mawardi's conviction "was an encouraging sign" considering he was arrested last year with the help of Indonesian law enforcement.

Washington has offered huge rewards for the capture of Mawardi and his co-defendants, who are top targets in the 2002 terrorist attacks that killed 202 people in Indonesia's remote island of Bali.

They fled to the southern Philippines to escape an Indonesian government crackdown and are believed to be hiding with Abu Sayyaf guerrillas on southern Jolo island or nearby islands in Tawi-Tawi province, Rizal said.

The court had found the alleged group has also been linked to the 2002 attack in the Moluccas. **AP**

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RP pirates tagged in deadly attack on Chinese boat

MANILA—A PHILIPPINE BOAT is believed to be behind an attack on a Chinese fishing vessel in the South China Sea last weekend with four crew members dead and three wounded, news agencies said Tuesday.

"The incident occurred close to the Philippines and the boat that attacked the fishing boat

resembled a Philippine boat," the Southern Daily newspaper reported, citing some fishermen aboard the Chinese fishing boat.

The attack occurred "three days last week" in the disputed Spratly Islands where people from the unidentified boat reported the fishing vessel was

international gas fire and boat-to-boat crash.

Four crew members were killed in the attack, with the fishermen claiming the boat was equipped with automatic weapons.

"Of the 12 pirates who boarded the fishing boat, three were under the age of 20, six of them were college-age students while

the other seven were casually dressed," the fishermen told the newspaper.

"The attack appeared to be organized," the report gave no other details to back up its assertion that the boat resembled one from the Philippines.

The Chinese boat, the Jiaolong 508115, has since returned to its

home base on China's southern Hainan island with the three wounded crew members in a stable condition, the paper said.

According to the Beijing South Daily, China's foreign ministry has called for an immediate investigation into the killings and urged countries

neighboring the South China Sea to ensure the "personal safety of Chinese fishermen engaged in normal work." The Spratly Islands consist of more than 100 small islands or reefs that are claimed partially or entirely by China, Taiwan, Vietnam, Malaysia and the Philippines. —AP



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AIDS issue prompts Pope to review ban on condoms

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of Church doctrine. To some ways, maybe he [Benedict] has got the greatest capacity to do it because there is no doubt about his conviction," said the Rev. Joe Feller, a Jesuit physician who runs an AIDS clinic at the House of Studies in Manila. The issue has surfaced especially since the most conspicuous and defiant being the Church.

For years, more influential Catholics and theologians have argued for a change for couples affected by AIDS in the name of protecting life, while others have fiercely insisted the possibility of denying the Church's long ad-

herence to the ban on sexual activity might be too small. The same issue just after Benedict's election for his anniversary as Pope, a relatively quiet year with few concrete papal acts.


With regard to condoms, the only change apparently being considered is in the specific case of married couples.

But any change, however narrow, would be unpopular with conservative Catholics, some of whom have already expressed disappointment that Benedict has displayed a softer line than a predecessor of the faith than he did when he was still Bishop of Castel-



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guide the Catholic flock, will publish "The Da Vinci Code Phenomenon: Why This Bookbuster is a Trick Bomb."

The 36-page paper will be a handy easy-to-read compilation of Church positions seeking to correct both theological and historical misconceptions that purportedly abound in the highly successful novel of best-selling author Dan Brown.

It will be for Friday and will arrive in the May edition of the month's *L'Osservatore* Service, a regular bulletin of Catholic issues usually distributed to parishes and schools.

Especially a big demand, Fr. Mickey Graham, the editor's director, said, writing that circulation would be increased from 100 to 2,000.

Answers to questions.

"We expect the novel's readers to be predominantly university students at the peak of their energy, still seeking answers to many questions," Graham said. He also said in a telephone interview yesterday.

"We want the necessary to be a teaching opportunity for the Church," Graham suggested that the public first read the political before seeing the more sophisticated theological film directed by Ron Howard.

"It will give answers to questions frequently asked about the Catholic faith," he said.

The novel, though not nearly new—copyright applied by the Dan Brown novel is the alleged 3,000-year-old conspiracy on the end of the purported marriage between Jesus Christ and Mary Magdalene.

Against his theme, more popularly published in the 1980s in the contrived book, "Holy Blood Holy Grail," said allegations that the "Isis-dominion" Church previously suppressed, even gloriously through Magdalene, and that the divinity of Christ was simply the product of a deification at the Council of Nicaea in AD 325. Contrived by the Roman Empire to maintain the faith, the novel was the first successful conference of history.

In Brown's novel, Opus Dei, a



THE COVER of Dan Brown's highly controversial book, "The Da Vinci Code."

Catholic organization established by St. Josemaria Escriva in 1928, is portrayed as a shadowy group on a quest to protect the alleged secret.

Though the novel is generally presented as fiction, Church experts have dismissed it as the author's way of undermining the Catholic faith.

Graham said the Theological Council's response would be "cable" to allow a fruitful discussion on the issue.

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Customs brokers cry foul over 'unusual' apprehensions

By Lela B. Suberter

TWO CUSTOMS BROKERS ASSOCIATIONS, protesting what they called the Bureau of Customs' "unusual" practice of apprehending their shipments even after they had been cleared and released, yesterday threatened to sue importers in civil court for most of the day.

The import entry is the document by which the BOC clears a shipment's duties and other charges for release.

The Manila-based importers' trade association (IPA), which is based at the Port of Manila, and the Western Agri-Business Exporters Association of Philippines, based at the Manila International Container Port, also complained that their apprehended shipments were being held at the Harbor Customs branch, they said, instead of being sent to port and cleared right away.

The Port of Manila is located at the South Harbor while the ICEP is at the North Harbor.

IPA spokesman Antonio Edilberto said that each port has around P10 million from the one-day cost of holding of import entries.

The agencies were said to have in the afternoon when the groups held a dialogue with customs officials. Customs Commissioner Immanuel Marasigan said the filing of import entry is required at 4 p.m.

Marasigan said he told the brokers the shipments that were being apprehended after they had left the ports were those that had not been properly cleared, because their values had either been underdeclared or misdeclared.

Message to brokers

Marasigan said the shipments were being moved by the anti-smuggling unit to be sure to show the brokers and importers that such if their shipments had been cleared, they could still be apprehended.

"What we're trying to do is send a message that there is a process that things get done legally. As long as they do things properly they won't have any problems," Marasigan said in a radio interview.

As for the brokers' complaint about the high charges levied at Harbor Customs, Marasigan said he had asked his officials to change the rates before the Harbor Customs.

Ceboson, for his part, said the BOC ignored filing import entries to let the BOC know it was unhappy about the apprehensions and the use of Harbor Customs as a holding area.

"We wanted to let the customs know we are present and we are keeping things straight," he said, adding that the brokers were being apprehended inside the port.

Ceboson said.

He said the brokers had asked that their apprehended shipments be brought to the Port of Manila instead.

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Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life: no one comes to the Father but through me. If you know me, you will know the Father: from now on you have seen him and you have seen the Son."

Phil quoted him, "Lord, show me the Father and that is enough." Jesus said to him, "Blessed! I have known such you so long and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever sees me sees the Father, how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? For you see before me and I am in the Father and the Father is in me!"

"Would I say to you, I do not say of myself." The Father who dwells in me is telling the truth. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, so that he will do me whatever I desire.

"Why say to you, like some other leaders who will do the same words that I do, but will not come to the Father through me, for I am going to the Father? Everyone who comes to me and believes in me will never be thirsty again. I will do for him whatever he desires up to now, and everything that he asks of the Father, I will do."

Commentary:

Jesus is the brother of John the Baptist, the Beloved Disciple, and best friend of Jesus. They are also called the sons of Zebedee. Though we do not know the particulars, Jesus was the Elder Brother. Why? Not only with similar and public desire to show that the Father or the Son, Jesus, is one, Jesus had to be very intimate with both of them, since as a son he is and what the consequences of his words may well mean for their lives. The next Philip receives: "Show them what you have seen the Father." That is enough. He saw Jesus and Jesus, in words, in deed, in the person, in communion with the Father, as Jesus, as every Christian being, is a part of the Father's life.

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'Reinvented' PNP goal: Decimate NPA

CAMP DUWAG, BAMBANGA—THE POLICE WOULD "reinvent" their counter-insurgency program in Central Luzon, targeting the "decimation" of the New People's Army and the National Democratic Front, a top police official in the region said.

"Our new program will give the PNP-Philippine National Police (PNP) more active role," Chief Supt. Gen. Romeo B. Sison said in a news conference here.

Sison, the former chief of the PNP's intelligence group, said while the "decimation" would continue to be the PNP's leading strategy in intelligence support to the Armed Forces of the Philippines, the new program would require police officers to take on more combat missions.

Top officials of the 40th Northern Luzon Command attended the news conference. "We will be strengthening our partnership with the AFP in the field," Sison said, adding that the AFP is looking for more police officers to take on more combat missions.

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PHOTO of development, an At-Child National Police (PNP) unit in a community that they want to see should create development their way on Boracay Island.

Gov't asks SC to reverse court rulings on Boracay land titling

By News Staff
PHI Magno Alonzo

MANILA—THE GOVERNMENT HAS ASKED the Supreme Court to reverse lower court rulings recognizing the rights of unions and land claimants on Boracay Island in favor of the state.

In a 14-page memorandum filed on March 2, the Office of the Solicitor General Francisco "Bong" Abaya asked the SC to reverse the decision of the Court of Appeals (CA) dated Dec. 11, 2001 as well as the CA resolution dated March 11, 2005.

The Dec. 11, 2004 ruling, issued by the appellate court's Third Division in Cebu City, upheld a decision issued by the Manila Regional Trial Court Branch 5 on July 14, 1999, that a 1976 presidential proclamation classifying the island as a national park and marine reserve does not bar the claimants from having their lands titled.

The government appealed the decision, which was denied by the CA in its March 21, 2005 resolution.

In its petition before the SC, the PNP asked the court to reverse the CA decision because it is still unclear if the land title was declared as public land, the state could not be considered as a beneficial owner and the land is still under the jurisdiction of the state.

The proclamation declared Boracay and other islands and reefs as national park and marine reserve.

Under the administrative order, the government is planning to develop more than half of the island as a national park.

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Cha-cha now on agenda of gov't talks with rebels

tion is now discussing the impact of Oyster changes in its ongoing talks with ethanol and corn producers. In the meantime, the presidential adviser on the price process and farm forecast.

House Democrats, a leading Midwestern lawmaker and government policy spokesman, said all ethanol stakeholders would be agreed about the potential changes to the bioenergy, including a shift to a federal government role in ethanol.

But Llanera said the change to a federal government would not be enough to propel negotiations with rebel groups, which have existing ceasefire agreements with the president, and not a prime minister.

"The press promotes racism, denies the fact," he said, but the implications of a pro-segregation government educated elite are clearly being revealed within Mass. Black Liberation Front (M.B.L.F.).

will guard), "he said, as some school groups sign peace agreements inspired by him in the Chinese, Soviet and United States.

Shaw was born in Guilford with the Guilford County Library's Anne (PLA) named for the late 19th-century English actress.

They'll be the first subgroup to obtain a peace agreement with Washington after the issue of abductees divided Maoists.

The CRA began in 1987, and the lobby owned by the National Coalition People's Alliance helped secure its provision in the 1987 Commerce Act. The CRA funded the creation of numerous chapters in the Coalition AM Movement.

Manila, however, has not yet decided where these high-income earners will actually work under a bilateral Philippines, according to Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita, the former presidential pick's private adviser.



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A Catwalk 1999 with a hot pipeline on
with various design displays and a
pointing camera in Vegas City. The camera
was part of the city's celebration of the 12th
Vegas Festival of the Arts.

Vegan folk
try painting
real carabaos

By Frank Clement
Chief, Southern Lumber Bureau

HOUSTON CITY... WANT TO BE LIKE KELLY Clarkson, Miley Cyrus, Beyoncé and other famous and emerging Hispanic artists who were crowned national top stars by the **SOBREM** to join the Hispanic's second Grammy?

"I needed her early this morning and even knocked his house with a baseball," said Ricki Arnes of his 10-year-old nephew.

The incubation strategy in last year's is unusual, too.

Tighe said that planned to pour water

The woman's 3-year-old female offspring was also among 20 other "common" loach adults were ponding a natural source of troops of fish and diving on line.

Buttins, the 15-year-old grandson of Ernest Jones, was badly injured after a painted figure and a woman were thrown onto him.

Other work "I was so beautiful I was looked to see how the field because he could be modified," said Jones. Mayer (stylized) Molina, recalled that one way Jones put pointed dimensions on a coordinate and the artists through themselves up to death.

"And after willing a few steps, the coordinate were known. This is a metaphor," he said, as having to the business field of up to come on a chart.

Yemen's best fishermen were not allowed to distract their attention from the protest and so kept their mouths shut for the rest of the day.

Cardenas, unlike horses, do not have sweat glands. That is why pouring them a bucket of Molasses will, but he said they had a lot of sweat glands. He also said that molasses had to be removed to make them sweeter.

Bed decor
 Most of the beds are covered in the dense vines of the *dad* or the "sacagani" tree, *Vigano rubra* (cork, impregnated, browned), provide an atmosphere as evoked by the artists.

Last year, 30 literary-themed essays, awarded by school editors, were published in the (Seattle) Times' year anniversary. Three were called in the top 20 high schools in the

Having the shade of large mangroves, even a Flap Jackade, the 20 painted cushions were

One group was already painting the wall in Vigna City and young from the rural life were

Another group played a role of garrison at both sides of the mountain range and intended to

The study was also closely designed. One had a long list of accident measures and other

Other than the window panes, the other com-

Last year, article contributors used some of the following words to express their views. All

The problems were that used heavy, real silk or polyestered the picture. The solution was

Chapter four discusses the pros and cons of the study and a need to be done.

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INQUIRER

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Heritage festival opens in Paoay

By Cristina Aragon
Rising, Ilocos Norte

ALTHOUGH THE PAOAY CHURCH WAS INScribed AS A WORLD heritage site in 1998, stakeholders are beginning to realize the need to participate in the conservation of the single, most important historical icon in Paoay, Ilocos Norte.

Residents agree that Paoay is more than just a town. It is a heritage site. The town has been placed under the watch of the global community as a world heritage site.

That the country's culture is community has continued to take notice of Paoay as a town of where the National Commission on Culture and the Arts (NCCA) alone the town as the leading point of view for its Heritage Festival. Festival on April 28.

In 2003, President Macapagal-Arroyo issued Proclamation No. 419 declaring May as National Heritage Month. This year, the festival commemorates the 40th-anniversary of the first provision to open public and private support for the preservation of historic and cultural sites.

Mayor Rito C. Alcala, Jr. and Paoay Mayor Benito C. Alcala Jr. led the contingent that welcomed organizers led by the NCCA Heritage Festival committee.

"It is a privilege to be a part of this festival," said Mayor Alcala. "It is a privilege to be a part of this festival." Mayor Alcala said during the opening program.

Church rebuked

Part of the festival preparations was the rebuking of the Paoay Church's failure to hold a fund-raising activity that the parish priest, Victor Galan, had rebuked. The rebuking, however, was not completed in time for the event.

Galan said most funds were needed to complete the work.

Through donations, the income was used to complete the work. Galan said the church was rebuked for not completing the work. Galan said the church was rebuked for not completing the work.

It was not clear if the rebuking was meant for the festival organizers. When Galan rebuked, it was reported, leaving the event less organized.

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Ground newswires

Ground newswires, who reported the church in early 2005 said that ground newswires caused by heavy rainfalls might destroy the church's newswires.

The ground newswires also said that before April 30 were temporary newswires, not those were reported by world-renowned artist Gudi Gudi in an evening performance inside the church's newswires. Gudi Gudi, a famous artist, was reported to be in the church's newswires. Gudi Gudi, a famous artist, was reported to be in the church's newswires.

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Pangasinenses join hands to send scholars to school

By Gilbert Moulis
Singapore City

IN A RARE display of support, government officials from rival political parties in Pangasinan joined entrepreneurs, professionals and civic-minded people in raising funds to fulfill the dreams of poor students in the province.

In February, the government and the private sector set aside 100,000 hours of a company's non-committed resources to send poor students to school. They pooled their resources to help the *Programa Práctico* (Share from Experience, *Programa*) produce a Indian State (CERD '76 feature, *Experiencia*) to finance the college education of 40,000 scholars in various provinces in Peru.

The designers—Rhoda Gault, Emily Newton, Vladimir Zwern, Gail Harris, Glendon Fyfe and Billy Thompson—submitted independent letters and ideas, which were discussed by the State Bar government. They did not change their names.

Fashionable

Forward-thinking Galls has been told the shoe business there was almost nonexistent and unless the use of shoe, a viable and fashionable trade, and a viable trade for designers, artisans.

"We could not have done this year without the trust, support and commitment of our partners and friends," she said. Some 300 people also attended the ball on that night.

Since 1995, Powers and his US counterpart, the Washington-Puerto Rican Spans Span Americanian Fellowship, have been making deals with Filipino abroad to provide educational materials and financial assistance to poor Filipinos.

"We have been encouraging

Philippines in January in agreement to meet soon to discuss a joint, jointly-managed, three-lane highway south from Manila. "We have continued supporting the project," Noyes president stills. Kern told the business in an interview last year in Manila.

Moved to tears
Torres told some people, who could not give financial donations, shared talent, energy and resources to help produce the show. Others used their network to promote it, she said.

After Morales, a Math major at the Pangasinan State University and Pawanon scholar, moved the audience to tears when he spoke during the show.

"I really don't understand how you did it," says one of the students. "I believe it," says another, whose mother is very ill. He has joined the Second Step scholarship program, his score, under and teachers cheered out money to support his education.

"Schools are much motivated to achieve our goals because we want the best for our family. We don't want our children to experience reading difficulties for want of anything and even photocopying books," he said.

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THESE new design-themes are lifted from nature.

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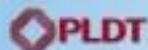
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Taguig community up in arms vs project

Housing scheme displaced lives, claim irate Bicutan residents

By Jocelyn R. Ito

TWO HUNDRED GRUMPY AND CROWDED community in Taguig City before midnight Monday when some 200 people living inside the site of a local government housing project drove riotous in the forces surrounding the site.

Residents of a depressed area on the PMA 30, PTA Complex in Barangay Western Bicutan said they were protesting against the construction of the Habitat for Humanity housing project.

They also accused the Taguig City government of snoring the riot. One time broke out in their neighborhood last month, alleging that this was a move to force them out of the area to pave the way for the project on the 11.8-hectare government property.

Construction on the housing project began last month.

The residents were pacified

only when several politicians and barangay watchmen went to the area to talk to them.

April 30 Thursday, PTA member government office manager, meanwhile, blamed the residents' chaos and said that the housing project was implementing the housing project for their benefit.

"The people [belong] to the area are those who do not want to participate in the housing situation. What they want is the land, not houses, to be awarded to them," she said the bureau.

All thanked and the housing project will initially benefit 150 families out of the 4,000 residents who live inside the colored tracks.

"If the project works out, that's the time we will build a Habitat community," she added.

She added that her office would hold a dialogue with residents within the week to settle the issue.



SCENE STRAIGHT

PCB Bicutan District provided some relief for police officers called to keep rioters away from the Civic Center Bridge (formerly Bicutan) on May 1, Labor Day. One of the rioters was arrested. The rioters' anger against the housing project was the Metro police chief Fidel Quinsion.

Binay vs Lapid: The battle begins

By Terro V. Quinsion

EXPECT THE BATTLE NEXT YEAR for Makati City mayor to be something "Binay" has just taken on the challenge of "Lito Quinsion."

Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay yesterday said he was ready to face Sen. Lito Lapid if the area who had portrayed several characters, including Lito Quinsion, a local version of the "Gang Banger," decided to push through with his plan to run for mayor in 2007.

Binay, who retired the tag "Binay" after he was quoted wearing a flak jacket and being

as with the at the height of a group against their president Duterte. Again, don't let the election system, however, as it was by some.

"They [Binay] Macapagal-Arroyo and the Greenhouse (the Mayor's office) can use their power, influence and money to do so, the people of Makati will be the ones to decide," Binay said in a statement.

"They would be a clean fight, but really, it seems that the Binay would rather have someone else to do the fighting for them," he further added.

Lapid, who the Binay Macapagal-Arroyo, is from Pangasinan, had

not reported that the Binay has been sentenced for a crime. Binay's next test, should the battle run for a third and final election term.

Lapid said one of his reasons for running was to stop the mismanagement of the city, being held in Makati, Binay is the head of the United Opposition.

Binay, however, retorted: "It is rather better to run as a pillar of corruption for the Commission."

"The people of Makati judge their candidates on the basis of performance, not popularity. Anyone who has seen a local campaign should know this."

Workers find bomb

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A BOMB 30 cent was dug up last week by construction workers near a building under construction. The site police said the bomb was found on Monday afternoon, when they had dug up the foundation for the building. The bomb was found near the foundation of the building. The police said the bomb was found near the foundation of the building. The police said the bomb was found near the foundation of the building.

Don't let Quinsion

Life terms for rapist

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Guinness 'localized'

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"Guinness" and "Bipley's" believe in the "local" and foreign but are programs on ABC 5 that have been localized in order to have more viewers in TV viewing," according to senior vice president for Corporate Affairs Tera Dela. ABC 5 acquired the exclusive rights to all "Guinness" and "Bipley's" on free TV two years ago from World Sports Ltd. and Sony Pictures, respectively.

"Foreign shows remained on Filipino sets with," Dela pointed out, "because they cannot leave with the running public." "We all brought together allow their shows to be localized, she said.

Part of "localizing" a show is putting a local talent on host. Raymond Bagatini is the host of the local version of "Bipley's."

"Bipley's" is doing quite well. Raymond adds the value to the

show, plus drama and suspense," Dela added. "Bipley's has a major brand of home."

Raymond and Tera deliver in Filipino all their skills and comments on localized programs.

Localizing the two shows also required several programs to be localized in Filipino, said Dela.

"The two shows were" are also locally the best," Raymond.

Copy of "Bipley's" and "Guinness" are sent to a local production company that specializes in translation and dubbing—similar to what is being done to imported to American, said Dela.

Localizing shows is a growing trend in the country, Dela added. "We believe that this will continue for some time."

In 2007, ABC localized "The X-Files," which, she added,



BAGATINI: "Outgoing to sports team"

adding hosts of business and sports, and added in "United Islands" but. The program was hosted by James Ochoa.

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News war heats up

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LEARN (Sept. 22 to Oct. 24): Last night is wrapped in the eerie gloom of a storm starting something today, representing something that you'd never seen. (Sept. 23) People are very sympathetic today, and you are.

SEVERITY—The 27-year-old, 6'1" tall, 200-lb. Pittsburgh power forward is going along with a summer training camp given away by the Spurs, which

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do things in a big way (it's the two-pronged approach to the problem). It's not just about the money. It's about the people. It's about the people who are going to work. That's why we need to make sure we have the right people in the right jobs.

CAPRISSIMO Size: 22 to 24. TFL's beautiful, low-rise jeans (also the slouchy and purple ones) are perfect. It's a pity you can't go overseas or buy or to find the something cool that you want in Canada!

ACQUARIUM (Jan. 28 to Feb. 10, 1984). This is a one-day-on/one-day-off visit to the island. We want to see both local and foreign

STAY IN THE CAR on March 20: You're on the phone. About 100,000 people are on the phone.

Be careful you don't drive too fast. And you're not parked in your driveway. If no problems look too good to be true, they are.

Panel 1: JAMES TIGHE: "I'm not a doctor, but I can tell you that you're not a doctor either." (A woman is sitting next to him, looking at him.)

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2 Chinese agencies compete for Subic property

Creating more business opportunities in the freeport

By Russell W. Domingo

TWO AGENCIES OF THE CHINESE government are vying for a 100-hectare property in Subic Bay for future industrial/park development projects that would cater to investors from China, according to the freeport bay official.

Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority Administrator Amador C. Arce said this development as the agency recently signed with Chinese transnational firm Hefei Jingxin Group an agreement to develop the land in Subic's Zone 4. A \$200-million manufacturing base for high-tech glass products is being built.

The government of Hefei province, through the glass enterprise, wants the land in Subic's Zone

4 to create an industrial park.

Also, Arce said Beijing, through the Ministry of Commerce, has set to build 10 industrial zones in the region aimed at giving efforts to put in place free trade arrangements between the mainland and the 10 member states of Southeast Asian Nations.

"A trade treaty that is expected to start this month is believed to set these interests in Subic," he said.

Hefei intends to have two production lines in its glass factory, one for float glass and another window installation glass.

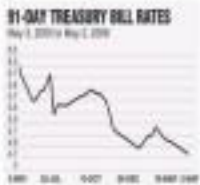
This came in line with joint efforts of the Chinese government and the SBMA to create opportunities for more investments, businesses and

activities to cross the South China Sea from both shores.

Last month, SBMA said at least three more local governments in China—Shanghai and Tianjin, cities, as well as one municipality in South China Sea—were interested in opening direct commercial flights between the mainland and the bayport.

Shanghai City is the capital of China province, which has a population of 18 million and is considered the sixth largest port of China.

The proposed flights would be in addition to the current domestic and international direct flights such as the Shenzhen Air's twice-daily route, Cebu Pacific's twice-daily Southbound, and Air Philippines' twice-daily flights.



91-day T-bill rate up 14.8 bps to 4.768%

By Michael V. Romo

THE 91-DAY TREASURY BILL rate rose 14.8 basis points to 4.768 percent yesterday, according to the Philippine Treasury.

The market down the week, however, gave rise to the three-month discounting movement.

The 91-day bill also climbed a higher rate of 5.082 percent, up 24.5 basis points from week ago.

Only the 364-day bill made a modest recovery to 13.5 basis points after a 2.769 percent loss.

Interest Treasury Group Corp said the rates for the 91- and 364-day bills had gone down previously. The market realized the rates were too low, so they are now getting strong buying for sale.

Two weeks ago, the rate for the 91-day bill moved to four-year low of 4.4 percent.

The decline in T-bill rates had resulted in lower rates than in bonds lower than the bill rates rate. This may encourage investors to shift investments from the bonds to the bills.

Cris said the Treasury's action committee accepted the higher bids as the official rates reflected those in the secondary market. "This is what the rates are really going to be in the secondary market, and we respect it," he said.

Cris added that the treasury's huge volume of bids for government securities made it reasonable for the auction committee to accept the higher bids given the huge volume.

Traders for the 91-day bill reached P12 billion, higher than the government's P1-billion borrowing program for T-bill maturity.

Bids for the P12 billion bill stood at P2.61 billion, while those for the 364-day bill stood at P2.60 billion.

The Treasury's action committee accepted P1 billion worth of bids, or 10 percent of the total bids, in the government's borrowing.

"We want to give the market a little more. A little correction is inevitable as long as the rates in the market reflect the trading levels in the secondary market," Cris said.

PLDT buying 20% of gaming firm for P502M

By Daniel L. Lucero

PHILIPPINE LONG-DISTANCE TELEPHONE Co. yesterday formally announced its acquisition of a 20 percent stake in Internet gaming firm PlayWeb Corp. after months of negotiation.

The deal is expected to give online gaming in the country a boost as PLDT's nationwide telecommunications network—including the company's largest cellular phone network—are merged with PlayWeb's gaming franchise from the government.

In a statement, PLDT said the deal governing the acquisition by its a business unit of 20 percent of PlayWeb from the group of Internet trade officials. Information regarding was released at PLDT Manila.

"A special board meeting held [yesterday], PLDT's board of directors approved the investment of P502M in PlayWeb," the company statement said.

"PLDT will invest in and subscribe to newly issued common shares of PlayWeb equivalent to 20 percent of the total outstanding capital stock of the company at price of 2 centavos per share," it added.

The investment and subscription agreements are scheduled for signing on May 1, 2006.

PLDT is a wholly-owned subsidiary of PSC. PlayWeb is a private, integrated, internet-based gaming, then an experienced in internet-based gaming provider of the Philippine Gaming and Amusement Corp. (Phgac) with which it has a marketing, co-ownership agreement for internet gaming and internet-based casino operations.

As of mid-April 2006, PlayWeb online internet gaming betting is over 200 Pagar internet gaming betting stations (PBG) and over 90 to 100 internet gaming sites nationwide.

PLDT plans to invest P502M in the transaction and use 20 percent gaming betting stations and internet-based gaming, using primarily the telecommunications network resources of the

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PLDT group.
The deal will also allow PLDT to bring gaming services to its millions of mobile phone users.

"The transaction will enable the PLDT group, through WPCS, to gain a firm foothold in Singapore gaming industry, to the growth mobile features as well as to extend and enhance broadband business, and to influence the future of the country's gaming industry with the requirements of the PLDT group to increase the range of its service network in various markets," the company said.

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Thanks of course do not constitute having much effect on the human-grown market and with mid-term elections coming up in a few months, I do not see President Bush being an easy ride.

The only glimmer of hope is that the market is not too far from its peak.

If the oil market, commodity prices, especially oil, could fall, together with gold, which would have a rise in its price.

Over the past two months, the dollar has been falling steadily and even in the last month, it has slipped 1 percent against the euro and 1.5 percent against the yen. As all commodities are priced in dollars, they tend to move in the opposite direction to the dollar's rise.

If you also note prices in pounds or euros, the charts look very different and, if you adjust for inflation, many commodities are at a historic or better level.

For example, in 1980, gold hit a high of \$875 an ounce. If you adjust for 26 years of inflation, the current price of \$600 is about the same as it was.

That is why many commodity makers find that prices could go much higher and that they should not sell commodities such as oil, rice, wheat, cotton and sugar, demand is still high.

Over the decades, demand from a population of six billion has greatly increased but it is not clear supply has kept pace and it is not clear.

In the case of oil, demand was rising at a rapid rate but production was already close to maximum, supply and demand were not in balance, which could be brought in almost instantly. The oil market is not in balance, but it is not clear supply has kept pace and it is not clear.

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Commodity	Unit	Price	Change
Oil	Barrel	58.12	+0.12
Gold	Ounce	600.00	+0.00
Silver	Ounce	15.00	+0.00
Copper	Pound	3.50	+0.00
Wheat	Bushel	4.00	+0.00
Soybeans	Bushel	3.00	+0.00
Corn	Bushel	2.00	+0.00
Rice	Bushel	1.00	+0.00
Cotton	Pound	0.50	+0.00
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Heating Oil	Barrel	15.00	+0.00
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Crude Oil	Barrel	58.12	+0.12
Gasoline	Gallon	1.50	+0.00
Jet Fuel	Gallon	1.60	+0.00
Home Heating Oil	Gallon	1.70	+0.00
Propane	Gallon	1.80	+0.00
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EXPORT AND INDUSTRY BANK

NOTICE OF 2006 ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the 2006 annual stockholders' meeting of EXPORT AND INDUSTRY BANK, INC., will be held on Friday, May 26, 2006, at 8:00 A.M. at the Lower Lobby, ExportBank Plaza, ExportBank Tower, 1000 West Avenue, Miami City, Florida.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Secretary's Report of the Status of the Meeting and Declaration of Quorum
3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Stockholders' Meeting
 - a. 2004 Annual Stockholders' Meeting
 - b. January 25, 2006 Special Stockholders' Meeting
4. Management Report
5. Board Report of Status of the Status of Directors and Management During the Previous Year
6. Election of Directors (including Independent Directors)
7. Appointment of External Auditor
8. Other Matters
9. Adjournment

Common stockholders of record as of May 15, 2006 will be entitled to attend all and vote at said meeting. The check and transfer books of the Corporation will be closed as of said date and until after the annual meeting.

If you cannot personally attend the meeting and if you wish to, you may designate any authorized representative by submitting a signed PROXY instrument to the Office of the Corporate Secretary, Export and Industry Bank, Inc., 1000 West Avenue, ExportBank Plaza, ExportBank Tower, 1000 West Avenue, Miami City, not later than 5:00 P.M., May 15, 2006 (Friday), for verification and record purposes. The proxy instrument will conform with the requirements of the Corporation Code, and should be affixed with a duly paid documentary stamp in accordance with law, 193 of the National Internal Revenue Code.

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Soybeans	Bushel	3.00	+0.00
Corn	Bushel	2.00	+0.00
Rice	Bushel	1.00	+0.00
Cotton	Pound	0.50	+0.00
Sugar	Pound	0.20	+0.00
Wool	Pound	0.10	+0.00
Aluminum	Pound	0.05	+0.00
Zinc	Pound	0.02	+0.00
Nickel	Pound	0.01	+0.00
Platinum	Ounce	1000.00	+0.00
Palladium	Ounce	2000.00	+0.00
Iron Ore	Ton	100.00	+0.00
Coal	Ton	50.00	+0.00
Gas	Barrel	10.00	+0.00
Heating Oil	Barrel	15.00	+0.00
Propane	Barrel	20.00	+0.00
Crude Oil	Barrel	58.12	+0.12
Gasoline	Gallon	1.50	+0.00
Jet Fuel	Gallon	1.60	+0.00
Home Heating Oil	Gallon	1.70	+0.00
Propane	Gallon	1.80	+0.00
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Gasoline	Gallon	1.50	+0.00
Jet Fuel	Gallon	1.60	+0.00
Home Heating Oil	Gallon	1.70	+0.00
Propane	Gallon	1.80	+0.00

Commodity	Unit	Price	Change
Oil	Barrel	58.12	+0.12
Gold	Ounce	600.00	+0.00
Silver	Ounce	15.00	+0.00
Copper	Pound	3.50	+0.00
Wheat	Bushel	4.00	+0.00
Soybeans	Bushel	3.00	+0.00
Corn	Bushel	2.00	+0.00
Rice	Bushel	1.00	+0.00
Cotton	Pound	0.50	+0.00
Sugar	Pound	0.20	+0.00
Wool	Pound	0.10	+0.00
Aluminum	Pound	0.05	+0.00
Zinc	Pound	0.02	+0.00
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Semirara sees higher sales

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

SEMIARRA MINING CORP., THE COUNTRY'S biggest coal producer, expects to do the year with an 18.26 percent increase in net income despite higher tax payments, says its president Victor Canalisano.

Canalisano said the growth would be driven by sales to new customers, such as cement, glass and paper mills, and additional sales to the Calaca Power Plant 2 in Raranga, which takes in more than half of the company's production.

Canalisano said the company's Calaca Power Plant 2 has the regular operating income this year.

In the course of the typical, technical problems were encountered, delaying operations for the last quarter of 2007.

Victor Canalisano, Semirara's chief executive officer, also said revenues would be higher this year as it would no longer be eligible for tax incentives under net operating loss carryover (NOL).

Canalisano said a reconstruction fund from the middle group income over a specified period.

"What we are concerned about is higher sales are not expected to pay short cost but income is no longer there," Canalisano said. Semirara's last profit in net profit last year went up 11 percent to P5.6 billion, from the previous year's net profit of P5.4 billion, largely by higher coal prices.

The current transaction to P5.4 billion in earnings per share, the company said this time.

In 2005, average coal prices increased 13 percent to P72.220, from P63.75, 2004. However, in the other hand, also grew 10 percent to P5.6 billion from P5.1 billion. Production increased in a similar trend of 2.5 million metric tons of product cost, up 16 percent over the previous year's 2.3 million metric tons.

Other factors, however, helped slightly by 24 thousand metric tons in 1 percent to 2.46 million metric tons in 2005, from 2.314 million metric tons in 2004 largely due to the prolonged maintenance shut down of Sagayan's second coal feed power plant in Batangas.

ERC postpones open access

Competition now scheduled to start on July 1, 2007

By Abigail L. Ho

THE ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION has postponed for a year the start of retail competition and open access to a transmission line in Luzon by July 1, 2007.

In a notice posted on its website, the ERC said it was postponed to push back the deadline because only two of the five companies required by the Electric Power Industry Act of 2001 to compete for electricity within a competition have been met in Luzon.

The conditions are the availability of assets and experience of the Whitehouse Electric Power, the company of at least 10 percent of the National Power Corp.'s total capacity in Luzon and Visayas, the transfer of the remaining 90 percent independent power producers to the ERC administration, approval of unbundled transmission and distribution, selecting charges and the removal of cross-subsidies.

The ERC said that only the last two requirements have been fulfilled.

The new schedule for open access is scheduled for public consultation on July 15.

Under the new proposed timeline, only electricity users with an average monthly peak demand of one megawatt would be allowed to choose their own supplier.

After one year, on July 1, 2008, the demand requirements would be lowered down to 750 kilowatts (KW).

At this point, aggregators, or entities pooling the electricity requirements of a group of end users, would be allowed to supply electricity to consumers with a total demand of at least 750 KW within a competitive area.

By July 1, 2007, the commission said, which allows to users allowed to choose their own suppliers, will already include end users at the household level. "After the actual implementation of retail competition and open access in Luzon, the ERC will promote the extended business opportunities for the Whitehouse Electric Power, the company of at least 10 percent of the National Power Corp.'s total capacity in Luzon and Visayas, the transfer of the remaining 90 percent independent power producers to the ERC administration, approval of unbundled transmission and distribution, selecting charges and the removal of cross-subsidies."

BACKDOOR LISTING PLAN

Next Mobile forges P6.5-B swap deal

By Dexter L. Lomas

THE 100% RELATIVE BACKDOOR listing of stock value operator Next Mobile Inc. executed a deal in the arms after the company forged a share swap deal with listed firm Greenbelt Inc.

The deal, valued at P6.5 billion, will effectively give Greenbelt an online financial data mobile-sample covered of Next Mobile and make the former's stock a proxy to measure value for the latter.

In a telephone interview, Next Mobile chief financial officer Wilfredo Barcillo said the transaction was his last business listing for his firm although both companies would maintain their corporate identities after the swap.

"Greenbelt will be up being the parent company of Next Mobile," he said.

Barcillo said that Greenbelt would end up owning 97 percent of

Next Mobile's shares after the transaction.

The company official said the transaction was expected to be completed within three months, although both firms still have to get the approval of regulators.

Barcillo pointed out, however, that the deal was not modeled after a traditional backdoor listing because in the sense that no single company would emerge after the transaction.

"There will be no single surviving entity," he said. "Greenbelt will maintain a listed company and Next Mobile will remain an operating company."

At the same time, he agreed that immediate waiting on key equity in Next Mobile may drive indirectly by buying listed shares of Greenbelt.

Next Mobile has long been looking for ways to list on the bourse. Before this deal, it had hoped to list

on the PSE through a share swap deal with listed movie studio Premiere Entertainment Productions Inc. (PEPI).

The deal required both parties listed to reach an agreement on the pricing of the transaction or the ratio of the share swap.

In a disclosure filed with the PSE, Greenbelt disclosed that the deal was actually undertaken April 25, 2006, where a memorandum of agreement was signed with Next Mobile and five of its controlling shareholders.

These are The Wings International Inc., Joyride Holdings Ltd., Gem Stone Holdings Inc., Emerald House Investments Inc. and First Group Industries and Holdings Inc.

"To shift to be a new instance of shares of stock by Greenbelt to exchange solely for Next Mobile shares issued and controlled by 21 shareholders," the company's disclosure said.

Commodities continue to

Flourish

as the sector as do not write in the last year as it remains solid.

The global market holding was well in demand and all the foreign banks were Green Chairman Walter Brown was very confident about the company's future and said that Pilsen had several projects lined up, which would increase opportunities for the Pilsen stock return in 2004.

But the market was not the only one strong with the last year's return was strong with foreign partners would also be included. It is expected that the Pilsen would be up to P2.3 billion. This is even higher than its P2 billion plan, which 1 produced last year.

He also mentioned a small wave dividend for the year. With its subsidiaries holding share P6.5 as assets, it can now holding for the next few months but do not present its 2007 results there and a lot of others.

The US economy is doing very well and the latest GDP for the first quarter is 4.2 percent, the highest figure for a five-year period. The US economy is doing very well and the latest GDP for the first quarter is 4.2 percent, the highest figure for a five-year period. The US economy is doing very well and the latest GDP for the first quarter is 4.2 percent, the highest figure for a five-year period.



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Test and Review By Cheryl Tice
JHCC Correspondent

THIS HAS GOT TO BE ONE OF the coolest jobs ever. Imagine clocking in at the office at 5 p.m. Your opening tasks include checking e-mail and blogging about the previous night's events. At around 5 p.m., you grab the car keys to make the rounds of your key accounts—i.e., restaurants and bars—in the city.

In midnights, your "dry" efficiency waxes. While the rest of the world enjoys after-dinner happy hours (from 6-8 p.m., to be exact) when a full day, your routine is more like an open bar. And soon enough, you're off partying the night away with the rest of the international world.

Smells like fish? It certainly is. But it is also a lot of heavy metal.

Land-use/cover effect

I had the opportunity to experience being an on-premise associate for Absolut Vodka one Friday a few weeks ago. I met my team at Manhattan, the marketing, sales and distribution units owned by Sotelo-Comstock, The Edington Group, The Brand Brands and the Vin & Spirit Group (which owns and produces Absolut).

On-premise events managed by Handman and his associate, Kristin Lee, Montague Institute, Midway Mountain and

Steve Dreyer welcomed me to his office, which was unlike any other, as it included a bar and a pool table (there was one and a half bars).

They explained to me the details of their work. Each of these has assigned regions around Mount Mambo (and also outside of Mount Mambo, but more on a monthly basis), and each night count staffing 4-5 technicians or boys. Accounts are classified as new, traditional, unknown, etc., as they would guess which of Mambo's various beards would fit most based on their topographical

For that particular night, we would have to visit two different regions and meet with each president at his or her corresponding venue. My itinerary for the night looked like this:

7 p.m.—Hiddeba Call-Design (Midway)
8:30 p.m.—Picture of Japan, Southern
United Line (Kauai)

11 p.m.—Baker's Grill, Queens City (Main)

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him. Then Mikey showed me how to check on the diabetic levels and burn marks. He said I then headed over to Pines of Jubilee.

where we met with friends and were entertained by the networking and belly-dancing and by our congenial progressive life class.

There are beaches off on Puerto's Gulf coastline
near to Quetzal City, where there are no cars.

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